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SUBJ: REQUEST CONCERNING JAPANESE COMMUNITY IN LUBUMBASHI

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- 1. REP OF SODIMIZA COPPER MINING SAYS THAT JAPANESE COMMUNITY IN SHABA AS OF MAY 20 NUMBERED 166 RPT 166. ALL BUT 9 RPT 9, INCLUDING ALL DEPENDENTS, WERE RESIDING AT MINING CAMP AT MUSOSHI (1216S/2745E) ON THE BORDER WITH ZAMBIA. DEPENDENTS WERE MOVED TO MUSOSHI WHEN HOSTILITITES FIRST BROKE OUT.
- 2. ALL MEMBERS OF JAPANESE COMMUNITY ARE EMPLOYEES OF NIPPON MINING WITH EXCEPTION OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL AND ONE REP OF NISSHO-IWAI. JAPANESE CONSUL WAS HOSPITALIZED IN LUBUMBASHI BECAUSE OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL RECENTLY, WHICH PERHAPS EXPLAINS COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM.
- 3. ALL MEMBERS OF JAPANESE COMMUNITY ARE SAFE, BUT LIKE ALL FOREIGNERS ARE CONCERNED THAT KOLWEZI-TYPE ATTACK COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE IN SHABA. BORG

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